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Long waits for deportation cases good, bad for immigrants

By RICK MONTGOMERY, The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 11, 2018 (AP): At immigration court on the 5th floor of a downtown office building, Judge Glen R. Bakers spent a Tuesday morning setting court dates for 40 immigrants before them for facing possible deportation.

For those making a first appearance, he encouraged they seek a lawyer and return in five or six months.

That's just for starters. Once represented, many can expect delays lasting years, The Kansas City Star reports.

"Can we schedule this for April 6, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.?" he asked lawyer Catalina Velarde, there on behalf of an undocumented Kanan named José Chávez-Larín seeking asylum from El Salvador.

"That will work," Velarde said.

As is the issue with immigration cases around the country, Velarde accepted the far-off trial date not knowing where her clients might be living then, where her own career may lead, or if laws could change to benefit or further harm people living illegally in the United States.

All the result of a deepening backlog in cases stressing the nation's immigration courts.

Trump's administration has taken steps to whittle down the backlog, now numbering more than 760,000 unresolved cases. Since he took office, the Executive Office for Immigration Review has added 46 immigration judges nationwide, a 30 percent increase.

Yet arrests by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are climbing even faster, about 40 percent higher than in 2016, further expanding the judicial caseload.

For now, the backlog is seen mostly as a boon to those trying to avoid deportation. And for that reason, they're reluctant to talk with news media about delays in their cases.

After all, a Kansas City hearing set for 2022—and delays can be even longer in other U.S. jurisdictions—gives the undocumented time to gain income, marry a U.S. citizen, establish them-

selves in a community and build a case that a forced return to a native country would damage their families.

"I don't control trial dates," said attorney Velarde, adding that it's possible future years could offer a better scenario for the undocumented. "Right now the law is not favorable."

But long waits between hearings present "positives and negatives" for the clients of local immigration lawyer Matthew Hoppock.

Minor children who may face irreparable hardship if a parent is deported can become adults by trial time, weakening the Undocumented Immigrant parent's case for staying.

The death of a frail parent dependent on the care of a person fighting deportation does the same.

For migrants ordered to wear electronic ankle monitors that track their whereabouts, "waiting one year or waiting six years makes a difference," Hoppock added. "It's really stigmatizing. Every day you go to work, you go to church, people can see that (monitor) around your ankle."

Depending on the circumstances of each case, Hoppock said many defendants are wise to request an expedited hearing, which judges must try to schedule within about six months when asked.

Yet that could mean being deported years sooner than later.

Judges' quota

As of late September, an average of 718 days marked the time between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security initiating removal proceedings and when a case was closed, according to a Syracuse University nonprofit tracking the backlog.

By now the average delay may be even longer, and longer yet next year, said Syracuse's Sue Long, a professor of managerial studies. "The backlog keeps going up and up and up."

And it varies by region. In the Kansas City region served by the federal immigration court on Grand Boulevard, cases are taking an average of 580 days to be closed. In Colorado, 1,045 days.

The Department of Justice has set a goal of slashing the backlog in half by 2020, by

continuing to hire judges and requiring that each close 700 cases a year. Judge Baker in Kansas City said he was confident that he and the two other local judges can meet that quota.

Others denounce the quota, which took effect in October. The policy "will force judges to choose between guaranteeing justice or losing their jobs," said Anastasia Tonello, president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. "With a clock constantly ticking over their heads, judges cannot possibly issue well-reasoned decisions."

But something has to change, said Andrew Arthur of the Center for Immigration Studies, which supports a speedier process for arresting and removing undocumented migrants.

"When you allow these court continuances to fester, that just encourages more people to come to the U.S.," he said.

Lawyers' dilemma

In late November, longtime Lawrence chemist Syed Jamal learned his trial date to seek asylum: April 27, 2022.

He said he had "mixed feelings" about it. The wait leaves up in the air the future legal status of Jamal, a native Bangladeshi whose fight to avoid deportation earlier this year gained global attention after his arrest while taking a daughter to school.

On the other hand, the delay gives him and his attorneys "more time to prepare for the best," he said.

But anything can happen in that time, as local immigration attorneys will attest.

Clients vanish. Lawyers move away or, feeling overwhelmed by their caseloads, close their businesses.

And by 2022, Trump may or may not be president.

"Hey, I'm thinking retirement," said Kansas City attorney Angela Ferguson. "I don't want to be committed to trials five years from now."

Information from: The Kansas City Star, <http://www.kcstar.com>

New US Census report shows growth, changing demos

LAS VEGAS, Dec. 10, 2018 (AP): Like other cities in the nation, the Las Vegas metropolitan area has seen not only a significant rise in its population but an altering of its demographics as well, according to new findings from the U.S. Census Bureau.

A new census report shows changes to the population of Clark County in five-year increments, including a rise in Latinos, the elderly and transplants from California.

The 2013-2017 American Community Survey found the greater Las Vegas area, which is about the same boundaries as Clark County, now ranks as 30th among populous metropolitan areas, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported. That puts the area above cities such as Cleveland and Kansas City.

According to the findings, the population gained more than 157,000 people between 2008-2012 and the 2013-2017 period.

But the number of people in Clark County who identify as Caucasian has declined

by 37,000. In fact, it was the only racial group to go down in number. The report states Latinos made up half of the population increase.

Robert Lang, an urban affairs expert and executive director of Brookings Mountain West at University of Nevada Las Vegas, said there will likely be more interracial marriages.

"Clark County is most like America is predicted to be in 2060," he said. "We're just ahead of the country in that regard. The U.S. is getting there."

The number of people age 50 and up also rose, bringing the median age of the county population to 37. Lang attributed the change to aging baby boomers.

Another trend on the uptick is the number of residents who relocated from the Golden State. The census data determined that a third of the 110,000 people who moved to the Las Vegas area in the past year were from California. Among those, 14,000 came from Los Angeles County.

Lang believes it's a change that could actually shape

Nevada's politics in the future.

"About 10 percent of people who vote in Southern Nevada have a county of birth in Nevada, and 33 percent have a county of birth in California," he said.

The population spoke has naturally led to an increase in housing and renting in particular. Housing in Clark County jumped by about 44,000 units between the 2008-2012 period and the 2013-2017 period. Nearly half of all households are renting, according to the latest five-year estimates.

Vivek Sah, of UNLV's Lied Institute for Real Estate Studies, said soaring home prices, stricter lending regulations and the number of millennials moving to Las Vegas are behind the trend.

The findings, released late last week, are based on interviews about a range of issues with 3.5 million households nationwide.

Information from: Las Vegas Review-Journal, <http://www.lvrj.com>

2 Latina state lawmakers among those vying for Texas Senate seat

HOUSTON, Dec. 11, 2018 (AP): Two Democratic Texas House members were among four women competing in a special Houston election on Dec. 11, replacing former Democratic state Sen. Sylvia García, who is heading to Congress.

State Rep. Carol Alvarado defeated Rep. Ana Hernández, 50.4% to 24.3%, for Senate District 6. Also running were Republican Martha Fierro (23.2% of the vote) and Democrat Mia Mundy (2.1% of the vote).

Last month, Ms. García won a Houston seat being

vacated by long-serving Democratic Rep. Gene Green. She and El Paso's Veronica Escobar will in January become the first Latinas to represent Texas in Congress.

Tuesday's winner finishes Ms. García's term, which expires in 2021.



"El propietario me preguntó si soy ciudadano estadounidense. Respondí que sí, pero me pidió que lo demostrara. Mis vecinos no necesitaron presentar documentación".



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UE rechaza renegociar pacto del Brexit con Gran Bretaña

Por JILL LAWLESS y RAF CASERT, Associated Press

BRUSELAS, 13 XII 18 (AP). La primera ministra británica Theresa May imploró el jueves a los líderes de la Unión Europea que le ayuden a lograr la aceptación del acuerdo del Brexit en su país, pero le respondieron que por ahora sus propuestas no son lo suficientemente claras como para que el bloque le ayude.

En lugar de ello, la UE indicó que seguirá con sus planes para un divorcio "sin acuerdo" a concretarse el 29 de marzo, con la presentación de una serie de medidas de contingencia la semana próxima.

May acudió a una cumbre del bloque en Bruselas en busca de apoyo después de una semana en la que el Parlamento británico se mofó de su acuerdo para el Brexit y que legisladores de su propio partido amenazaron con obligarla a dejar de ser primera ministra. Les rogó a los otros 27 líderes de la UE que "utilicen todo lo que tienen a su alcance" para ayudarla a que los hostiles legisladores británicos acepten el acuerdo de salida.

"En mi Parlamento hay una mayoría que desea irse con un acuerdo, por lo que con las garantías correctas este acuerdo puede ser aprobado", dijo May, advirtiéndoles a sus homólogos de la UE que si éste no es aceptado entonces Gran Bretaña saldrá abruptamente del bloque si un pacto y "con todos los trastornos que ello traería consigo".

Sin embargo, los líderes de la UE parecieron exasperados ante la falta de ideas concretas nuevas de parte del gobierno británico. Una propuesta para colocar frases de aliento y darle así más garantías a Gran Bretaña no fue incluida en las conclusiones finales de la cumbre sobre el Brexit.

"Me incomoda que en Gran Bretaña tal vez existe la impresión de que le corresponde a la UE proponer soluciones", afirmó Jean-Claude Juncker, presidente de la Comisión Europea, en una conferencia de prensa el viernes en la madrugada. "Es Gran Bretaña la que decidió irse de la UE. Y yo pensaría que más bien le corresponde al gobierno británico decirnos exactamente qué es lo que quieren".

Dijo que los británicos deben "establecer sus expectativas" en cuestión de semanas si es que quieren lograr avances y evitar salir forzosamente de la UE sin un acuerdo.

May ya había reconocido que era improbable que hubiera grandes avances en la cumbre de dos días, incluso mientras intentó obtener ajustes en el paquete de retiro que pudiera utilizar para granjearse a sus opositores, en especial a los legisladores partidarios del Brexit cuya aversión al acuerdo desató una impugnación de su liderazgo esta semana.

"No tengo expectativas de un gran avance inmediato, pero lo sí espero es que nos pongamos a trabajar lo más rápidamente posible en las

garantías que se necesitan", afirmó May.

Su horrible semana comenzó el lunes, cuando en el último minuto canceló una votación programada en el Parlamento en torno a su acuerdo de divorcio de la UE para evitar una dura derrota.

La indignación por la medida ayudó a desatar una votación de confianza el miércoles entre los propios legisladores del Partido Conservador de May. La primera ministra ganó, pero más de una tercera parte de los legisladores de su partido sufragaron contra ella en un indicio de la impopularidad de su plan para el Brexit. Para asegurar la victoria, May prometió que dejará de ser la líder de los conservadores antes de los próximos comicios nacionales, programados para 2022.

Las otras 27 naciones de la UE se mantienen firmes en que no puede haber cambios sustanciales en el acuerdo legalmente vinculante sobre el retiro de Gran Bretaña del bloque, y declararon que el trato "no está abierto a una renegociación".

"Es importante evitar cualquier ambigüedad", dijo el presidente francés Emmanuel Macron. "No podemos renegociar algo que se ha negociado durante varios meses".

Los periodistas de The Associated Press Danica Kirka en Londres, Geir Moulson en Berlín y Lorne Cook en Bruselas contribuyeron con este despacho.

Muere niña tras ser arrestada por la Patrulla Fronteriza

LAS CRUCES, Nuevo México, 13 XII 18 (AP). Una niña guatemalteca de 7 años que entró a Estados Unidos de manera ilegal junto con su padre la semana pasada murió poco después de ser detenida por agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza, confirmaron autoridades migratorias federales el jueves.

La niña falleció por deshidratación y choque más de ocho horas después de que los agentes la arrestaron cerca de Lordsburg, Nuevo México, reportó The Washington Post. Era de origen guatemalteco y viajaba con un grupo de 163 personas que se entregaron a los agentes el 6 de diciembre.

Se desconoce qué le sucedió a la niña durante esas ocho horas antes de que presentara convulsiones y fuera trasladada vía aérea a un hospital de El Paso. En un comunicado, la Oficina de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza señaló que no había comido ni tomado agua en varios días.

La agencia no le proporcionó a The Associated Press el comunicado que le dio al Post a pesar de múltiples solicitudes.

Procesar a 163 inmigrantes en una noche habría representado un reto para la agencia, cuyas instalaciones de detención son temporales y no cuentan con la capacidad de albergar a tantas personas.

Cuando un agente de la Patrulla Fronteriza realiza un arresto, esa persona es procesada en una

instalación, pero por lo general no pasa más de 72 horas detenida antes de ser transferida al Servicio de Control de Inmigración y Aduanas (ICE por sus iniciales en inglés) o, si es de nacionalidad mexicana, ser deportada a su país.

La muerte de la menor genera dudas sobre si los agentes fronterizos sabían que estaba enferma o si se le alimentó o dio de beber durante las más de ocho horas que estuvo detenida.

Inmigrantes, abogados y activistas desde hace tiempo han presentado denuncias sobre las condiciones de las celdas de detención de la Patrulla Fronteriza. En Tucson, una demanda en curso afirma que las celdas son inmundas, sumamente frías y carecen de elementos básicos, como cobijas. El juez que lleva la demanda ordenó al Sector Tucson de la agencia, que patrulla buena parte de la frontera entre México y Arizona, que proporcione cobertores y colchonetas para dormir y entregue de manera regular los videos de las cámaras de vigilancia del interior de las celdas.

La Patrulla Fronteriza ha visto un incremento en los grandes grupos de migrantes, muchos de ellos con niños pequeños, que se entregan a las autoridades. La mayoría son de origen centroamericano y señalan que huyen de la violencia. En lugar de intentar evadir a las autoridades, se entregan con planes de solicitar asilo.

Los agentes de Arizona con frecuencia ven grupos con más de 100 personas, en ocasiones

con niños y bebés.

Arrestados esos grupos crean problemas logísticos para los agentes, que deben esperar la llegada de las vagones de transporte equipadas con asientos para bebé, para llevar a los migrantes a las instalaciones de procesamiento, que se encuentran por lo menos media hora al norte de la frontera.

Anteriormente, un bebé murió poco después de ser liberado de un centro de detención familiar del ICE en Texas, y en momentos en que el gobierno del presidente Donald Trump intenta rechazar las solicitudes de asilo para aquellos que cruzaron ilegalmente la frontera. Una corte federal de apelaciones bloqueó temporalmente esa medida, pero el gobierno solicitó a la Corte Suprema su reinstauración el martes.

Cynthia Pompa, directora de defensa del Centro de Derechos Fronterizos de la Unión Americana de Libertades Civiles, dijo que las muertes de migrantes aumentarían el año pasado a pesar de que se registró un descenso en el número de cruces fronterizos.

"Esta tragedia representa el peor resultado posible cuando las personas, niños incluidos, son sujetos a condiciones inhumanas. La falta de responsabilidad, y una cultura de crueldad dentro de la Oficina de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza han exacerbado las políticas que llevan a los migrantes a la muerte", dijo Pompa.

Arresto canadienses eleva tensión entre China, EEUU y Canadá - China confirma la detención de dos canadienses y eleva la tensión en una disputa con Canadá y EEUU por directiva de Huawei

Por CHRISTOPHER BODEEN y ROB GILLIES

BEIJING, 13 XII 18 (AP). China confirmó el jueves la detención de dos ciudadanos canadienses elevando la tensión en una disputa a tres bandas sobre una directiva de un gigante tecnológico chino que se enfrenta a una posible extradición de Canadá a Estados Unidos [EEUU].

El empresario Michael Spavor y el exdiplomático Michael Kovrig fueron arrestados el lunes bajo la sospecha de "participar en actividades que ponen en peligro la seguridad nacional", explicó el portavoz del Ministerio de Exteriores chino, Lu Kang.

El vocero dijo que Canadá ha sido informado de las detenciones, pero declinó confirmar si los arrestados tuvieron acceso a abogados. Los casos se están gestionando de forma independiente en oficinas locales de la agencia nacional de inteligencia en Beijing, donde fue detenido Kovrig, y en la ciudad noroccidental de Dandong, donde vivía Spavor, agregó.

"Los derechos legales de los dos canadienses están siendo protegidos", declaró Lu a reporteros en una conferencia de prensa

rutinaria.

Las detenciones aumentaron la presión sobre Canadá, que retiene a Meng Wanzhou, directora financiera de Huawei Technologies Ltd., desde su arresto el pasado 1 de diciembre a petición de Estados Unidos, que quiere extraditarla para que enfrente una acusación por fraude bancario.

Las autoridades canadienses no han podido contactar con Spavor "desde que nos hizo saber que estaba siendo interrogado por las autoridades chinas", dijo el vocero del departamento canadiense de Exteriores, Guillaume Berube. "Estamos trabajando muy duro para determinar su paradero y seguiremos preguntando por esto al gobierno chino".

Kovrig trabaja como analista para el norte de Asia en el centro de estudios International Crisis Group, tras pedir una excedencia en el gobierno de Canadá, y vive en Hong Kong.

Spavor gestiona viajes a Corea del Norte además de intercambios deportivos, empresariales y de otro tipo a través de su empresa, Paektu Cultural Exchange. Se ha reunido con el líder norcoreano, Kim Jong Un, y

fue clave en la visita del exastrotista de la NBA Dennis Rodman a la hermética nación.

También el jueves, un portavoz del Ministerio de Comercio de Beijing dijo que funcionarios chinos y estadounidenses están en "estrecho contacto" con respecto a su disputa comercial pero no ofreció una fecha para posibles conversaciones cara a cara.

Preguntado por si una delegación china visitaría Washington, Gao Feng dijo: "China da la bienvenida a que el lado estadounidense venga a China para consultas y también está abierta a comunicarse con Estados Unidos".

Según Gao, las dos partes han alcanzado un "entendimiento común" sobre productos agrícolas, energía y automóviles como se había anunciado, pero los detalles concretos sobre las operaciones se darán a conocer más adelante.

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Michelle Obama surprises Detroit students at Motown Museum

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER, Associated Press

DETROIT, Dec. 11, 2018 (AP): Michelle Obama surprised a group of Detroit college students on Tuesday afternoon, walking into the Motown Museum as the young men of color took part in a roundtable discussion on education.

The former first lady was greeted with smiles, looks of astonishment and applause after entering the second floor of the building where Berry Gordy created sonic

history more than a half-century ago. She hugged her brother Craig Robinson and Keegan-Michael Key, an actor and native Detroit resident who moderated the discussion that was organized by Obama's Reach Higher initiative.

"This was supposed to be for boys only," Robinson said after they sat down, eliciting laughter from his sister and the more than a dozen students from nearby Wayne State University.

"What's going on," Obama then asked, echoing the title of Marvin Gaye's classic Motown tune.

"We're just talking about education," Key answered, before mock-asking if it would be OK with them if Obama sat in on their chat.

Obama listened as the students spoke about their experiences in life and school and encouraged them to practice "discomfort" and not be afraid to try new things.

"Universities are looking for and should be looking for a diverse array of experiences," she said. "People who come from different backgrounds, because if everybody looked the same and experienced life the same way what would these conversations be like? Just a bunch of people agreeing with each other."

Obama was in Detroit as part of her book tour, which had a nighttime stop planned



at Little Caesars Arena, home to the NBA's Pistons and the NHL's Red Wings. The tour is in support of Obama's best-

selling memoir, "Becoming," which has sold more than 3 million copies.

The museum is located where company founder Gordy launched his music empire. The label started in 1959, and scores of stars and hits were created before Motown relocated to California in 1972. The label will mark its 60th anniversary next year.

Michigan families show up to 'Rally Against Lame Duck'

LANSING, Dec. 12, 2018: On a day where temperatures hovered just above freezing, scores of people from across the state gathered in front of the State Capitol to show their discontent for the legislature's lame duck session and demand a better future.

The rally comes as representatives have pushed legislation gutting the minimum wage increase and earned paid sick time law, attacking labor and reproductive rights, putting our water in danger, and a score of other policies backed by a corporate agenda. Republicans are also pushing legislation that is seen as a power grab since Democrats took control of all executive offices in last month's elections.

"Right now, we face a serious threat, one that needs to be confronted. Corporate lobbyists are using their wealth and influence to pull the strings of Republican elected officials to do their bidding and the communities we care about are getting screwed in the process," said Sam Inglot, deputy communications director at Progress Michigan. "We need to show them we won't be silent. We won't sit back. And most importantly, — that we're not going anywhere. We will work every single day to build the Michigan we want to see."

Speakers at the rally reminded attendees about the recent history of harmful legislation Republicans have passed during lame duck. Right-to-Work and the current emergency manager law that led to the Flint Water Crisis were among the mentioned.

"We will never forget how in 2012, after the people resoundingly rejected the Republican emergency manager law, Gov. Rick Snyder and his cronies went against the will of the people and jammed another emergency manager law down our throats," said Nayyirah Shariff, director of Flint Rising. "The Flint Water Crisis, which has inflicted so much pain on the home I love, can be directly traced to that betrayal of our democracy and our voices as Michiganders during lame duck. Just like Flint's pipes, lame duck is broken. It is a piece of our legislative session that routinely sees the will of the people drowned out and watered down to appease the monied interests who bankroll the campaigns of right-wing elected officials."

The rally comes a day after the legislature passed a bill that would create an authority to push Governor Rick Snyder's plan to allow Enbridge to build a "utility tunnel" over the Line 5 Pipeline after widespread criticism and warnings about the devastating effects a spill from the aging pipeline will cause for the Great Lakes and the fresh water we all depend on.

"The tribes of Michigan were the original stewards of our waters and lands. We're used to having our rights and our interests disregarded by those in power—a lot like the voters of Michigan are right now after the election in November," said Bryan Newland, chair of the Bay Mills Indian Community, who was unable to attend the rally, but offered his support and advice. "But you can take it from us that there's always another fight and we don't have time to hang our heads in despair about what's happening. We have a responsibility to

protect our water and our communities and we won't stop doing that no matter what happens in Lansing."

Organizers put the rally together to highlight how out of touch representatives are pushing policies that are in direct opposition of what working families and vulnerable communities want. Activists are using the protest today and those that have taken place throughout Lame Duck as an opportunity to build a movement.

"The tides are changing in Michigan. Our communities are tired of being dismissed and treated as if we don't matter," said Art Reyes, executive director of We the People - Michigan. "We showed up in record numbers in November, we're showing up at the Capitol from every corner of this state, and we're going to keep fighting and standing together because our families deserve a Michigan we can be proud of."

Attendees and speakers vowed to keep the pressure throughout the rest of the session and beyond.

"In the Capitol, we are seeing attacks on our access to our government. They are doing the bidding of corporations, but tomorrow is coming!" said Stephanie Moore, chair for the Kalamazoo County Commission. "Our vision is a path toward a good quality of life for every family in Michigan. Tomorrow is coming!"

Multiple organizations were involved in the rally including:

Progress Michigan, We the People - Michigan, For Our Future, Planned Parenthood, Good Jobs Now, and others.

Fuente: Fiat Chrysler abrirá planta en zona de Detroit

DETROIT, 6 XII 18 (AP): Fiat Chrysler abrirá otra planta de ensamblado en la zona metropolitana de Detroit, de acuerdo con una persona enterada del plan.

La fuente dijo que la planta producirá camionetas deportivas aunque no precisó cuándo sería abierta ni cuántos empleos se crearían. La fuente solicitó el anonimato porque el plan no se ha hecho público.

Fiat Chrysler declinó hacer declaraciones el jueves sobre el asunto.

The Detroit News informó el jueves que la compañía tiene previsto reabrir una antigua planta de motores en el lado este de la ciudad para armar camionetas Jeep Grand Cherokee de tres hileras de asientos comenzando con

su modelo 2021. La planta empleará entre 100 y 400 personas, según el periódico. La planta Mack Avenue Engine II está cerrada desde 2012.

Fiat Chrysler ha tenido grandes ventas de camionetas y camiones ligeros, incluidos sus modelos Jeep y Dodge Ram, que sumaron más de 181.000 unidades en noviembre en Estados Unidos, su mejor noviembre en 17 años. Las ventas de la línea Ram aumentaron 44%, pero las de otros vehículos y minivans Chrysler bajaron 21%.

La decisión de Fiat Chrysler de abrir una planta de ensamblado tiene lugar en momentos en que otros fabricantes automovilísticos están reduciendo operaciones. General Motors anunció la semana pasada

que tiene previsto eliminar 14.000 empleos en América del Norte y considera cerrar cinco plantas porque dejará de fabricar muchos carros para virar su producción a camiones y SUV, así como a vehículos autónomos y eléctricos.

Donald Trump criticó a GM por los despidos, que abarcarán a obreros y otros empleados. Trump ha prometido aumentar los puestos de trabajo en la industria automovilística. Durante un mitin el año pasado en una planta de GM en Ohio, Trump declaró a la multitud que los empleos "están regresando".

Los legisladores de ambos partidos también arremetieron contra GM y lamentaron que la compañía no use las reducciones fiscales para emplear a más estadounidenses.

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FLOC Homies program continues to flourish with multiple programs and events

TOLEDO: Over 30 FLOC Homies recently graduated from their training program. The ceremony took place at El Camino Real restaurant on November 28th, 2018. About 100 people were in attendance.

Through the FLOC Homies program, the Farm Labor Organizing Committee [FLOC], in partnership with Lucas County Jobs and Family Services, and Community Shares, helps low-income youth develop skills that enable them to overcome personal and systemic barriers that prevent their success.

One highlight of the FLOC Homies program was convincing the city of Toledo to adopt their LED Lighting initiative. The initiative began when Homies pressed Toledo Edison to fix lighting in their neglected neighborhoods.

Recently the FLOC Homies became one of the founding groups of the Black/Brown Unity Coalition, which works together

to identify and strategize with an intent to find collaborative solutions to the common obstacles black and brown minorities face.

This past fall, FLOC Homies voluntarily participated in political events and founded a theater troupe.

Homies learn job and life skills, community organizing, history, public speaking, acting, and various other skills necessary to be good people, students, family members, employees, and public citizens. They are paid for attending training classes every day, their internships, and for community service.

Since the program began, \$260,000 has gone directly into the pockets of FLOC Homies. Baldemar Velásquez, the president of FLOC, notes, "These kids are TANF eligible—poor kids from poor families. Through the Homies program, they receive employment preparation and immediate employment experience. This program benefits them, their family, and the community while putting cash directly into their pockets. Our FLOC homies also learn the importance of being a part of something bigger than themselves."

On December 14th, the FLOC Homies hosted a Christmas party for their low-income family members and others. FLOC is currently taking new applications for the next Homies class which begins on February 4, 2019 and lasts 16 weeks.

To apply for the FLOC Homies program, go to: <http://www.floc.com/wordpress/floc-homies-union-employment-program-application/>.

For more information about the FLOC Homies program contact Homies Program Manager, Ted Marok TMarok@cmwj.org or at 419-243-3456 ext. 245.

For more information about FLOC, contact Lead Family Advocate and Community Organizer, Chibuzo Petty at cpetty@cmwj.org or 419-243-3456 ext. 224.

The Arts Commission announces the 2018 Merit Award Winners

TOLEDO: The Arts Commission has announced the recipients of the 2018 Merit Awards. This program recognizes outstanding individual local artists—literary, performing and visual. These artists are acknowledged for the many hours and personal resources they have dedicated to advancing their art forms.



A regionally panel of artists and cultural leaders convened to review applications submitted by the October 22, 2018 deadline. Panel included: Carl W. Goines—founder of 555 Nonprofit Gallery and Studios (Detroit) as well as a visual artist, craftsman and leader in artist community development; Lisa Hanson—Executive Director of Culture Works (Dayton) as well as entrepreneur, educator, performer, and business professional; and Sierra Leone—President and Artistic Director of OFP Theatre Company and writer, focusing her work all across Ohio.

Local artists selected as finalists for the Merit Awards program are highlighted below. Award levels were publicly announced at the December 11th Arts Commission Holiday Reception.

• \$500 Award: **Matt Foss** currently serves as an Assistant Professor at the University of Toledo. Foss holds his PhD in theatre studies from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Performance from Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL as well as participation in a certificate program at Moscow Art Theatre School in Russia. His work

has received the honors of awards, including the Chicago Joseph Jefferson Award, Iowa Artists of the Year—Des Moines Art Center, and numerous regional and national awards from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. In 2018, he received an invitation from the 9th Studio of the Moscow Art Theatre to create two highly visual, non-verbal theatre productions to enter into their international repertory. These productions will be incubated, rehearsed and previewed in Toledo with local artists, for local audiences, before they begin touring abroad.

• \$1000 Award: **Eric Pfeffinger** is a playwright and theater artist. He received his Master of Arts degree in English from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Pfeffinger has received the three-time honor of the Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Award. His work has been most recently performed and enjoyed across the country in cities including: Chicago, Denver, Louisville, Orlando, New York City, and Philadelphia.

• \$1000 Award: **Joanna Manousis** is a glass artist and current Instructor at the College for Creative Studies in

Detroit. Manousis holds her MFA degree in Sculpture / Dimensional Studies from New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University and her BFA in Glass from Wolverhampton University in Wolverhampton, England. Her work has been published in issues of Glass Quarterly Magazine, American Craft Magazine and New Glass Review among other art publications. Manousis' work has received various awards including: The Oppenheim-John Downes Memorial Award—London, GCAC Professional Development and Supply Grants—Columbus, Pilchuck Glass School Study Scholarships among other awards. Her work has been exhibited in solo shows in Toledo, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Coming, NY and an impressive list of group shows nationally and internationally.

• \$2500 Award: **Timothy Stover** is a glass artist, studio manager of Schmidt Messenger Studios and instructor at the University of Toledo and Toledo Museum of Art. Stover earned his MFA degree in glass from Kent State University and BFA in Sculpture from the University of Toledo. He has also studied at Corning Museum of Glass, Pilchuck Glass School and Pittsburgh Glass Center with technical workshops. His work has exhibited in Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Oklahoma City, and Palm Beach among other cities nationally and internationally.

Celebrate Noon Year's Eve at the Toledo Zoo

Let the countdown to 2019 begin! Bring the entire family to the Toledo Zoo on New Year's Eve to ring in the New Year a little early... at noon, when the Zoo will celebrate Noon Year's Eve. This family-friendly event, focusing on making 2019 a greener year, will take place Monday, December 31, 2018 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Together with family and friends, the Zoo will

celebrate the stroke of noon with the rising of our re-designed recycling ball, a cascade of biodegradable confetti, apple juice toast and a chorus of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Throughout the celebration, guests can make their conservation **reZOOlutions**, enjoy craft time, an ice carving demonstration, animal feeds / enrichment, along with the Ice Slide in the Winter Village sponsored by Kroger. This is the perfect

way for the whole family to send out 2018 with a bang.

Noon Year's Eve is free with Zoo admission. The Zoo admission gates will be open on New Year's Eve from 10 a.m.—9 p.m. with *Lights Before Christmas* presented by KeyBank beginning at 3 p.m. and grounds closing at 10 p.m.

More information about Noon Year's Eve and all Toledo Zoo events can be found at toledozoo.org.

TSA student Tierra Raiti wins Concerto Competition

Toledo School for the Arts student violinist Tierra Raiti won the Junior Division of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Friends Young Artist Concerto Competition.

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic Friends Young Artist Solo Concerto Competition each year for young students through the age of 18. Entrants are required to memorize and perform a movement from a concerto or other standard orchestral work for solo instrument with published accompaniment. This year's competition took place on November 17.

Tierra Raiti, a 7th grader at TSA, won the junior division of the competition

and received a \$500 scholarship. She played the first movement of the Mozart Violin Concerto in G major #3. Tierra studies violin with Penny Kruse at Bowling Green State University and participates in the Studio Orchestra at Toledo School for the Arts.

"This award is indicative of Tierra's talent combined with the hard work she brings to her musical growth," said Diana Anderson, TSA's studio orchestra and strings instructor.

Tierra is not the only musical talent in the Raiti family. Her brother Vance (10th grade) recently placed 3rd in the University of Toledo Youth Concerto Competition on trumpet. Her brother, Skylar (12th grade) won the TSO Student Concerto Competition last year and performed the Gershwin Piano Concerto with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. All three Raitis attend Toledo School for the Arts.

Winter Day Camps at the Toledo Zoo

The Toledo Zoo wants to help combat cabin fever and keep your child's mind active during winter break from school. Drop your child(ren) off at the Zoo for a wild winter adventure! Children ages 5 to 12 will experience non-stop fun with exciting exhibit tours, amazing animal visitors, cool crafts and goofy games.

All camps run 9 am – 3 pm:

Survivor Winter Wild-

life: (ages 5-10), Dec. 27, 2018; Toledo Zoo Members: \$40 per day; non-members: \$45 per day;

Mini Junior Zookeeper: (ages 5-10), Dec. 28, 2018; Toledo Zoo Members: \$40 per day; non-members: \$45 per day;

Polar Pals: (ages 5-10), Jan 3, 2019; Toledo Zoo Members: \$40 per day; non-members: \$45 per day;

Excellent Enrichment:

(ages 5-10), Jan. 4, 2019; Toledo Zoo Members: \$40 per day; non-members: \$45 per day;

Winter Junior Zookeeper: (ages 11-12), 4 individual days—Dec. 27, 28 and Jan 3 & 4, 2019; Toledo Zoo Members: \$45 per day; non-members: \$50 per day.

For full details and online registration, visit toledozoo.org/camps

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MARY LOU VILLARREAL

Mary Lou Villarreal, 85, of Toledo, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Metamora, Ohio on May 1, 1933 to Apolinar J. and Maria C. (née Padilla) Arias. Mary Lou was a proud graduate of Central Catholic High School. She worked for Ohio Bell as a telephone operator, retiring after 38 years. She was an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Mary Lou enjoyed traveling and most of all, spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son, Michael (Norma) of Glendale, AZ; daughters Barbara and Karen Villarreal; and granddaughter Erika Villarreal. Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents and her 12 siblings.

Memorial donations may be given to *Feed Your Neighbor* or the *Toledo Area Ministries*. Source: Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo.



Ex-judges to ICE: End immigration arrests at courthouses

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER, Associated Press

BOSTON, Dec. 12, 2018 (AP): Dozens of retired state and federal judges called Wednesday on U.S. immigration officials to stop making arrests at courthouses of people suspected of being in the country without documentation, saying immigrants should be free to visit halls of justice without fearing they will be detained.

Nearly 70 former judges from 23 states—including federal judges and state supreme court justices—said in a letter sent to Acting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director Ronald Vitiello that courthouse arrests are disrupting the criminal justice system.

"I just can't imagine that we are closing our courtrooms to people who have a right to be there. And you really are closing them if you instill fear in people so they cannot come near a courtroom," said *Fernande R.V. Duffy*, who was born in Indonesia to Dutch and Chinese parents and served as an associate justice on Massachusetts' highest

court until 2016.

The judges are urging Vitiello to add courthouses to the list of so-called "sensitive locations" that are generally free from immigration enforcement, like schools and places of worship. They say that only "unequivocal guarantees and protections will restore the public's confidence that it can safely pursue justice in our nation's courts."

The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School helped organize the letter, whose signers include judges appointed by both Democratic and Republican governors.

Immigration officials have said communities are forcing their hand by refusing to transfer immigrants in local prisons and jails to ICE custody. They also argue that courthouse arrests are safer for agents because people have to go through metal detectors when they enter courthouses.

ICE says it's going into courthouses only for certain targets, like gang members and public safety threats and im-

migrants who have been previously deported or ordered to leave.

"Arrests in courthouses are a routine practice for law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Because many jurisdictions no longer allow ICE to take custody of aliens inside of jails, courthouses are the next safest option," ICE spokeswoman *Liz Johnson* said in a statement.

Courthouse arrests happened under former Democratic President Barack Obama, but advocates and lawyers across the country have said the practice has increased under Republican President Donald Trump, creating tensions between judges and federal agents in many states.

In Massachusetts, a state court judge is under federal investigation after she appeared to help an immigrant believed to be living in the U.S. without documentation evade an ICE agent who was waiting to pick him up at the courthouse. The Boston Globe reported.

Lawsuit: Police chief condones white officers' racism, abuse

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Dec. 12, 2018 (AP): White police officers in a Washington, D.C., suburb have used racist slurs, circulated text messages expressing a desire to "reinstigate lynching," and put a black face and Afro wig on a training dummy, according to a federal lawsuit filed Wednesday.

Civil rights groups sued Maryland's *Prince George's County* and its police chief on behalf of several current and former officers. The suit accuses police officials of condoning racist, abusive behavior by white officers and retaliating against black and Latino officers who complain about misconduct.

The suit claims the county's police chief, *Henry Stawinski*, has allowed racism to "thrive" in his department since his appointment nearly two years ago. It seeks unspecified monetary damages, including punitive damages, as well as a court order requiring the county to abolish racial discrimination within its police department.

In October 2017, Stawinski said the Justice Department was investigating allegations that the department's employment practices discriminated against Latinos and blacks. At the time, Stawinski said he would cooperate with the federal investigation and end any "structures or practices" that negatively impact officers.

Police department spokeswoman *Jennifer Donelan* said Wednesday she can't comment on pending litigation. The police department isn't named as a defendant, but Stawinski and three other police officials are. The suit

claims they have "perpetuated a long-standing pattern and practice of discrimination."

Justice Department spokeswoman *Kelly Laco* said in an email that she can't confirm or deny the "existence or nonexistence" of investigations. However, one of the attorneys who filed the lawsuit said the federal investigation remains open. Investigators are interviewing officers "on a regular basis," added *Deborah Jeon*, legal director for the *American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland*.

Police Capt. Joseph Pérez, a plaintiff and president of *Hispanic National Law Enforcement Association National Capital Region*, claims he has been passed over for promotions because he has spoken out against discriminatory and retaliatory misconduct.

"The minute that you open up your mouth and say, 'Hey, that's wrong,' guess what? You're not a team player any more. You're a snitch. You broke that blue wall of silence," Capt. Pérez said.

Dana Vickers Shelley, executive director of the ACLU of Maryland, said officers deserve praise and not punishment for blowing the whistle on racist policing practices.

"Any police department that fosters a culture of racial harassment and retaliation against officers of color within its ranks cannot hope to gain the community trust and support that is so necessary for achieving better public safety for everyone," she said.

The suit claims three white officers repeatedly circulated racist text messages such as "we should bring back public hangings." A complaint about the texts apparently didn't lead to any investigation or discipline for the three officers, the suit adds.

In August, Stawinski apologized for a since-deleted Facebook Live video in which an officer speaking to children refers to a "black bad guy." The officer, who was giving a K-9 demonstration, said police dogs could smell detect a person's odor "if a black bad guy is running and drops" an item.

Capt. Pérez said the officer's remark on the video isn't an aberration. "We see that on the street from other officers," he said.

In February 2017, Capt. Pérez showed Stawinski copies of photographs of the black face and Afro wig that someone had placed on a training dummy, according to the lawsuit.

"Chief Stawinski subsequently denied seeing the photos prior to a later press conference," the suit says.

The officers named as plaintiffs in the suit also are represented by the *Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs*.

Prince George's County abuts the nation's capital to the east. About 64 percent of the county's more than 900,000 residents are black, while nearly 27 percent of residents are white. Whites account for 47 percent of the department's officers, with blacks accounting for nearly 43 percent, the suit says.

Judge declines to dismiss DOJ's challenge to US asylum delays

By GENE JOHNSON, Associated Press

SEATTLE, Dec. 12, 2018 (AP): Immigrant rights activists can continue to challenge what they describe as unlawful U.S. government delays in asylum cases, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge *Marsha Peckham* in Seattle dismissed some arguments raised by the lawsuit in a ruling Tuesday, but she said the activists can pursue their claim that the delays violate the due process rights of detained asylum seekers across the country. The government sought to dismiss the case.

The Seattle-based *Northwest Immigrant Rights Project* filed the lawsuit in June against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which said through a spokeswoman Wednesday that it does not comment on pending litigation.

According to the complaint, migrants seeking asylum after entering the U.S. without documentation have had to wait weeks or months for their initial asylum interviews, at which an immigration officer determines whether they have a credible fear of persecution or torture in their home country. After that, there have been long delays in getting bond hear-

ings, which determine whether an asylum seeker will be released from custody as the case proceeds.

"They're doing what they can to keep people locked up for prolonged periods and block asylum seekers from moving forward with their claims," *Northwest Immigrant Rights Project* legal director *Matt Adams* said Wednesday. "What we've seen firsthand is many asylum seekers give up after they've been locked up for weeks or months without ever getting a bond hearing, and opt to be deported rather than exercise their legal right to seek asylum."

The group initially filed the lawsuit in response to the administration's family separations at the U.S.-Mexico border, saying the delays had kept mothers detained at the *Northwest Detention Center* in *Tacoma, Washington*, from being reunited with their children in immigration custody across the country. Those plaintiffs have since been released, but the lawsuit seeks class-action status on behalf of thousands of asylum seekers.

The complaint asks the judge to order the government to make credible fear determinations within 10 days and to

conduct bond hearings within seven days of an asylum seeker's request for one.

The government [through the DOJ] argued that such deadlines are not required by law and that the court doesn't have jurisdiction to impose them. In its motion to dismiss, the Justice Department [DOJ] argued that because the detainees have only just arrived in the U.S. without being granted admission, they "lack a constitutional right to demand expedited procedures for such hearings."

Judge *Peckham* disagreed, saying that because the detainees had crossed into the U.S., they were entitled to greater constitutional protections than the government claimed.

"Simply put, are they 'excludable aliens with little or no due process rights, or are they aliens who are in the country illegally, but nevertheless in the country such that their presence entitles them to certain constitutional protections?' she wrote. "Plaintiffs have adequately plead that they were within the borders of this country without permission when detained, and thus enjoy inherent constitutional due process protections."

Actrices argentinas se paran de frente contra abusadores

Por DÉBORA REY, Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, 11 de diciembre (AP): Las actrices argentinas dijeron "basta" contra el abuso y la impunidad.

Lo hicieron este martes subidas al escenario de un teatro de Buenos Aires para hacer pública y respaldar la denuncia de una de sus colegas por violación contra un reconocido actor local. Artistas de trayectoria y gran popularidad tomaron este caso para visibilizar el flagelo del abuso de poder contra las mujeres en la industria del entretenimiento.

"Hoy decimos basta, escuchemos, el tiempo de impunidad para los abusadores debe terminar", afirmó la actriz y cantante Lali Espósito, en un pasaje de la lectura de un comunicado leído por varias artistas.

El texto agregó que "las actrices somos ignoradas al denunciar y exponer abusos, se duda sistemáticamente de nuestras voces y testimonios. En ámbito laboral se nos aísla. Mientras tanto el abusador habla, actúa y trabaja con total impunidad, pretende hacer de la víctima responsable de su propio abuso".

Entre las presentes en la sala estaba la joven actriz *Thelma Fardin*, quien anunció a periodistas que la semana pasada presentó una denuncia penal en Nicaragua contra el actor, también argentino, *Juan Darthes* por presuntamente haberla violado en un cuarto

de hotel de ese país en 2009. Ambos compartían elenco de la exitosa tira infantil "Patito Feo". Entonces, ella tenía 16 años y el actor 45. En el marco de una gira internacional que los llevó a Nicaragua, Darthes la habría violado una noche en el hotel donde se alojaba el elenco.

"Comenzó a besarme el cuello, le dije que no. Me dijo que lo tocara, 'mira cómo me ponés', haciéndome sentir su erección. Me tiró a la cama, me bajó el pantalón y me empezó a practicar sexo oral. Yo le dije que no, que tus hijos tienen mi edad. No le importó. Se subió arriba mío y me penetró", relató la joven, hoy de 25 años.

Darthes había sido denunciado previamente por otras dos actrices, una de las cuales también presentó una denuncia ante la justicia. El actor proclamó su inocencia y dijo ser víctima de una campaña. Todavía no se pronunció sobre esta última imputación.

La AP contactó a la defensa de Darthes para pedir un comentario sin obtenerlo de inmediato.

Actrices Argentinas es un colectivo integrado por artistas que surgió este año al calor de la campaña a favor de la despenalización del aborto y como un desprendimiento del poderoso movimiento feminista que en los últimos años protagonizó multitudinarias protestas con-

tra la violencia machista.

Algunas de las actrices más reconocidas de la industria fueron expositoras ante una comisión del Congreso a favor del proyecto por aborto legal, seguro y gratuito, una iniciativa que por primera vez se debatió este año en el parlamento, pero finalmente no pudo convertirse en ley.

Esta fue la primera vez que el grupo acompaña una denuncia pública de abuso sexual, acontecimiento que medios locales presentaron como el surgimiento del "Me too" (yo también) local, en referencia al movimiento que surgió en Estados Unidos en 2017 a partir de las denuncias de abuso sexual contra el reconocido productor Harvey Weinstein.

Según una encuesta del sindicato de actores argentinos, el 66% de los intérpretes afirmó haber sido víctima de algún tipo de acoso y/o abuso sexual en ejercicio de la profesión. "Se parece más a una norma que una excepción".

"Frente al 'mirá como me ponés', nosotros decimos: 'mirá como nos ponemos' unidas, fuertes. Frente a tu violencia e impunidad, nosotras estamos juntas. Justicia, justicia, justicia para nuestra compañera, justicia para todas. Esto recién empieza", concluyeron las actrices.

"El reino" y "Campeones", favoritas para los premios Goya

Por ARIETZ PARRA, The Associated Press

MADRID, 12 de diciembre (AP): Dos películas con protagonistas gitanos, la historia de un equipo de baloncesto que da una lección inolvidable a su entrenador, un drama sobre la corrupción política y una tragedia familiar en el ámbito rural, protagonizada por *Javier Bardem* y *Penélope Cruz*, compiten al Goya a la mejor película de este año.

Las candidaturas a los galardones del cine español, anunciadas el miércoles en Madrid, situaron a "El reino", el largometraje del director Rodrigo Sorogoyen que construye un golpe de suspense un relato sobre la corrupción en la vida política, como el favorito con 13 nominaciones, incluyendo la de mejor actor protagonista para Antonio de la Torre.

Le sigue, con 11 nominaciones, "Campeones", un filme sobre un entrenador que se enfrenta a sus propios prejuicios cuando se hace cargo de un equipo de baloncesto integrado por personas con discapacidad intelectual. La cinta, dirigida por *Javier Fesser*, es la candidata de España a una posible nominación a

los Oscar. Ambas películas competirán por el Goya mejor largometraje con "Todos lo saben", una cinta sobre secretos familiares dirigida por el iraní *Asghar Farhadi* que ha recibido ocho nominaciones incluidas las de mejores intérpretes para sus protagonistas, el matrimonio de Cruz y Bardem.

En la contienda estará también "Carmen y Lola", sobre la historia de amor y lucha entre dos mujeres de etnia gitana, y "Entre dos aguas", que cuenta el reencuentro de dos hermanos, también gitanos, cuyas vidas han seguido caminos muy diferentes.

"Roma", del mexicano Alfonso Cuarón; "El ángel", del argentino Luis Ortega; "Los perros", de la chilena Marcela Said; y "Lanoché de 12 años", del uruguayo Álvaro Brechner fueron elegidas entre 16 cintas aspirantes para optar al Goya a la mejor película iberoamericana.

La representante de Uruguay recibió otras dos nominaciones, a mejor guion adaptado, para Brechner, y mejor actor de reparto, para

Antonio de la Torre.

Los galardones, que se presentan como bustos de bronce del pintor español del siglo XIX *Francisco Goya*, se entregarán el próximo 2 de febrero. Su responsable, la Academia de las Artes y las Ciencias Cinematográficas de España, ha decidido por primera vez que la ceremonia salga de Madrid para celebrarse en Sevilla, en el sur del país.

El director y productor de cine y televisión *Narciso Ibáñez Serrador* recogerá en la gala el Goya de Honor de esta 33a edición. Nacido en Uruguay hace 83 años, "Chicho" Ibáñez Serrador es el autor de referencias en el cine de terror y fantasía como "¿Quién puede matar a un niño?" o "La residencia".

Entre otras cintas con numerosas nominaciones se encuentran "Quién te cantará", que aspira a siete premios, incluido el de mejor actriz protagonista para Najwa Nimri; "La sombra de la ley", con seis nominaciones; así como "Yuli" y "El hombre que mató a Don Quijote", con cinco cada una.

List of nominees for 25th annual SAG Awards

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 12, 2018 (AP): A list of the nominees for the 25th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards. Event to be held January 27, 2019:

• **MOVIES:** Actor: Christian Bale, "Vice"; Bradley Cooper, "A Star Is Born"; Rami Malek, "Bohemian Rhapsody"; Viggo Mortensen, "Green Book"; John David Washington, "BlackKkKlansman."

Actress: Emily Blunt, "Mary Poppins Returns"; Glenn Close, "The Wife"; Olivia Colman, "The Favourite"; Lady Gaga, "A Star Is Born"; Melissa McCarthy, "Can You Ever Forgive Me?"

Supporting actor: Mahershala Ali, "Green Book"; Timothee Chalamet, "Beautiful Boy"; Adam Driver, "BlackKkKlansman"; Sam Elliott, "A Star Is Born"; Richard E. Grant, "Can You Ever Forgive Me?"

Supporting actress: Amy Adams, "Vice"; Emily Blunt, "A Quiet Place"; Margot Robbie, "Mary, Queen of Scots"; Emma Stone, "The Favourite";

Rachel Weisz, "The Favourite"

Cast: "A Star Is Born," "Black Panther," "BlackKkKlansman," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Crazy Rich Asians."

• **TELEVISION:** Actor in a TV movie or miniseries: Antonio Banderas, "Genius: Picasso"; Darren Criss, "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story"; Hugh Grant, "A Very English Scandal"; Anthony Hopkins, "King Lear"; Bill Pullman, "The Sinner."

Actress in a TV movie or miniseries: Amy Adams, "Sharp Objects"; Patricia Arquette, "Escape From Dannemora"; Patricia Clarkson, "Sharp Objects"; Penelope Cruz, "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story"; Emma Stone, "Maniac."

Actor in a drama series: Jason Bateman, "Ozark"; Sterling K. Brown, "This Is Us"; Joseph Fiennes, "The Handmaid's Tale"; John Krasinski, "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan"; Bob Odenkirk, "Better Call Saul."

Actress in a drama series: Julia Garner, "Ozark";

Laura Linney, "Ozark"; Elisabeth Moss, "The Handmaid's Tale"; Sandra Oh, "Killing Eve"; Robin Wright, "House of Cards."

Actor in a comedy series: Alan Arkin, "The Kominsky Method"; Michael Douglas, "The Kominsky Method"; Bill Hader, "Barry"; Tony Shalhoub, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"; Henry Winkler, "Barry."

Actress in a comedy series: Alex Borstein, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"; Alison Brie, "GLOW"; Rachel Brosnahan, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"; Jane Fonda, "Grace and Frankie"; Lily Tomlin, "Grace and Frankie."

Ensemble in a drama series: "The Americans," "Better Call Saul," "The Handmaid's Tale," "Ozark," "This Is Us."

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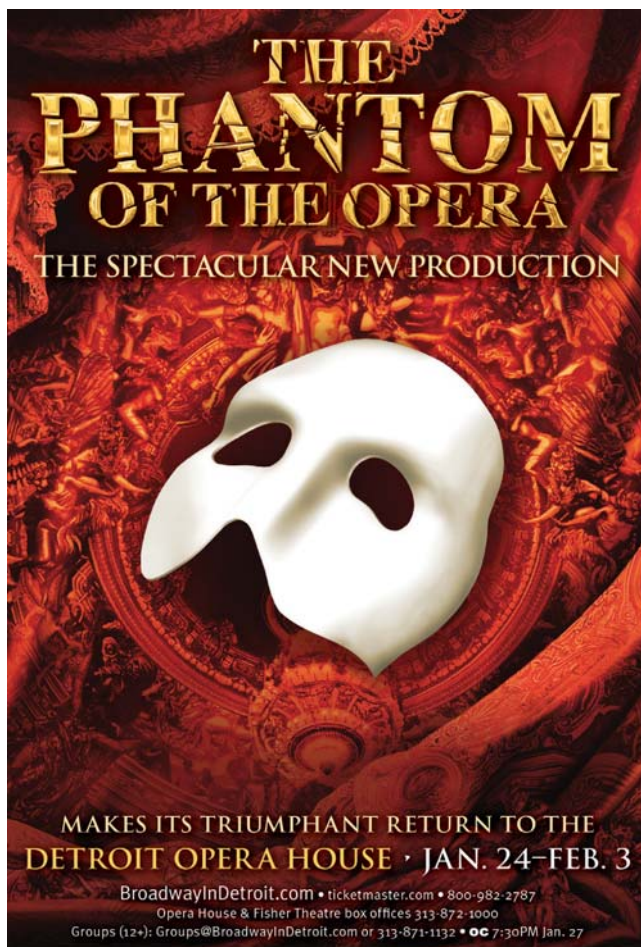
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| Cyprus | 1980 | Norway | 1912 |
| Denmark | 1973 | Portugal | 1979 |
| Finland | 1972 | Singapore | 1993 |
| France | 1974 | Slovenia | 1972 |
| Germany | 1941 | South Korea | 1988 |
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Tri-C Fall Commencement celebrates 1,800+ student success stories

CLEVELAND: Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) will celebrate the academic achievements of more than 1,800 petitioning graduates during Fall Commencement at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018.

The College has been asked to confer 1,852 associate degrees and certificates of completion at the graduation ceremony, making it the second-largest fall commencement class in Tri-C's history.

The total reflects the success of College programs and initiatives designed to keep students on the path to graduation.

"Every degree and certificate reflect a determination to build a better future," said Alex Johnson, president of the College. "From what they have shown, I know that our newest graduates will be successful as they venture out into careers or to continue their education."

The College will also award Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to *Jules Belkin*, *Paul Clark*, and *John E. Skory* during the ceremony to recognize their commitment to the community and College.

Belkin co-founded *Belkin Productions* in 1966 and staged thou-



sands of concerts over the decades while connecting communities through music. The College recently renamed a theater after Belkin and his wife, Fran, in recognition of their strong support of the arts at Tri-C.

Clark has been involved in the financial services industry for 43 years and now serves as regional president of PNC Bank, Cleveland. He is active in a number of civic and business organizations, including the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation.

Skory, a Tri-C grad, ascended to president of The Illuminating Company after beginning his career with the utility as a meter reader. He serves on the boards of a number of community service organizations, including the Tri-C Foundation.

The student commencement speaker will be *Charulatha Vijayakumar*, who turned two years of online classes and over-

night study sessions into an Associate of Applied Business degree with a focus on international business. She is graduating with a flawless 4.0 GPA.

The 28-year-old said the flexibility of e-learning allowed her to pursue a degree from Tri-C even after her husband's job took the family to Fort Wayne, Indiana, earlier this year.

Classmates selected Vijayakumar to serve as student speaker at the ceremony and share her story. To read other graduate success stories from the College's 2018 Fall Commencement class, visit www.tri-c.edu/commencement/graduate-stories.html.

This year's commencement ceremony will be held at *Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center*, located at 2000 Prospect Ave. in Cleveland.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM ANTONIO BARRIOS

I have put a lot of thought into this announcement: I want to inform friends and voters that I have decided to run for office of Lorain City Council as *Councilman-at-Large*.

I have helped many other candidates with my time but now I want to help my City in a more Personal level. So I am asking for your support and vote between now and the May 2019 primary.

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"SAVE THE CLUB!" CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER EVENT CALENDAR

Public Welcome!

The Mexican Mutual Society (MMS) "SAVE THE CLUB!" Campaign focuses on fundraising events to help sustain the operation of the MMS's home in South Lorain. Founded in 1928, it is one of the few remaining historical ethnic clubs in Lorain.

CELEBRITY BARTENDER EVENT:

The public is invited to join in the fun on Friday nights from 6-9 pm. with the Celebrity Bartenders as the crowd cheers and the big bell rings as the tip donations role in for the Mexican Mutual Society! Delicious Mexican food is available from Hector's Kitchen.

- December 21, 2018. Christina Prihoda and Friends
- December 28, 2018. Shots Bar Reunion.

BECOME A CLEVELAND BROWNS BACKER!

The MMS is a certified Chapter member of *Cleveland Browns Backers*. Membership cost is \$15. If you're not yet a MMS member, now is a perfect reason to also join the Mexican Mutual Society! If you are interested in additional information, contact Chapter President, *Edwin Silva* at 440-522-6683.

MMS 2019 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

Mexican Mutual Society's membership drive is in full swing! **Help us achieve 90 new members in our 90th Anniversary Year!** The MMS is a non-profit organization and is sustained by fundraisers and private donations such as membership dues. Join with a friend or two! **YOUR MEMBERSHIP KEEPS THE MMS ALIVE!** Social Membership is \$10. Active Membership with voting rights for those of Mexican descent and their families is \$15. Applications are available at the Club.

SAVE THE DATE! MMS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

The public is invited to the New Year's Eve Party at the Mexican Mutual Society, 1820 East 28th Street. Enjoy party food and a Champagne toast at midnight. Celebration is 8pm-1am. Join us as we dance to all the tunes we love from every genre on our iTunes Digital Jukebox. We will party from the East Coast to the West Coast with the help of the MMS BIG Screen TV...possibly the biggest TV screen in the City!

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Wednesdays, December 19, 26; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing to R & B and Soul Music, taught by Ms. Evelyn Henry, is a casual experience at the Main Library. Come to learn this new skill or practice what you already know and make new friends at the same time. Pre-registration required.

Friday, December 21; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Word for Beginners

Participants will learn

about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2016 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Pre-registration required.

Fridays, December 21, 28; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Yoga for Beginners

Adults, join the weekly Friday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel

Friday, December 28; 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Monday, December 31; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

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El Centro de Servicios Sociales Upcoming Events December 2018

Thursday, December 20 - El Centro Food Pantry - In collaboration with *Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio* at El Centro from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will be the last food pantry for the year 2018.

For more information, contact El Centro at 440-277-8235;
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El Centro is a Latino non-profit advocacy organization, whose mission is to enhance the socio-economic status of the greater Lorain County community by providing essential social, educational, cultural, and community development services.



Cuyahoga Arts & Culture launches new partnerships to support artists in 2019

CLEVELAND, December 12, 2018: *Cuyahoga Arts & Culture* (CAC) will invest nearly \$400,000 in grants to Cuyahoga County nonprofits that support and celebrate local artists in 2019.

Seven CAC-funded projects will provide professional development, project-based and flexible monetary support, networking and collaboration opportunities, and access to physical spaces for hundreds of artists.

In November and December, CAC's Board of Trustees approved grants for the following projects:

• **Karamu House** – a grant of \$95,000 for eight visual artist and four performing artist residencies. Visual artists will be given studio space and participate in an exhibition of work created by all resident artists. Performing artists will also be given rehearsal space, access to Karamu's production team, and will present their work to the public. Karamu will also provide shared office space to resident and community artists.

• **Cleveland Public Theatre** – a grant of \$90,000 to support the *Premiere Fellowship*. Through this program, five Cuyahoga County-based theater artists (a playwright, a director, an actor and two designers) will each receive a cash award, fees for their work, mentorship, professional development and access to space, equipment and other

CPT assets related to the development and implementation of their Fellowship.

• **Hispanic Business Center** – a grant of \$50,000 for *La Villa Hispana Artist Colectivo*. With this grant, the Hispanic Business Center will host four bilingual Art Entrepreneurs sessions. Artists attending these sessions and meeting with a business advisor, provided through this program, will be invited to participate in a pop-up market. Up to six project grants will also be available to artists who participate in the directory and attend all of the training sessions.

• **LAND studio** – a grant of \$55,000 for a series of four, full-day workshops on public art hosted at various locations throughout the City of Cleveland. Artists attending and leading the sessions will be compensated and lunch will be provided.

• **SPACES** – a grant of \$42,000 for an *Urgent Art Fund*. Five Cuyahoga County artists will be able to apply for awards and resources, including space, tools and professional development opportunities; to create new art that is socially, politically or culturally responsive. If necessary, SPACES will also help artist participants secure a location to display their work.

• **Cleveland Arts Prize** – a grant of up to \$15,000 to expand its Verge fellowship for emerging artists and provide awards to at least five *Verge* artists.

"Cuyahoga Arts & Culture looks forward to investing in these nonprofits who will offer

a range of programs to artists in Cuyahoga County next year," said Jill M. Paulsen, interim CEO & executive director for CAC. "These CAC-supported projects are built on feedback from artists, who told us they need access to professional development, places to do their work, and help to build connections with community organizations, in addition to flexible and project-based funding. We look forward to seeing how artists respond to the programs and to seeing the creativity and positive change that comes as a result."

In addition to these grants, CAC previously announced a \$48,000 grant to support CPCP's Learning Lab, a professional development and funding program for 12 artists and nonprofits, led by the Center for Performance and Civic Practice. Participants have the opportunity to partner to access additional funding to bring a civic practice project—based on the skills learned in the Learning Lab—to life in the community in 2019.

Since 2009, CAC has invested more than \$4.5 million in programs that support hundreds of artists in Cuyahoga County. CAC invites local artists to visit ClevelandArtsEvents.com to view or join our calendar and directory of artists, post an upcoming event, or to view current jobs and calls for artists.

Learn more at cacgrants.org/artists.

La Junta Electoral del Condado de Cuyahoga recibe la visita del entrante Secretario de Estado, Frank LaRose.

Por: Elia Burgos, Coordinadora de Alcance a la Comunidad Latina, Cuyahoga County BOE

En la tarde del 6 de diciembre de 2018 nevaba intensamente en la Junta Electoral del Condado de Cuyahoga, localizado en Cleveland, Ohio. Sin importar la inclemencia del tiempo, el entrante Secretario de Estado Frank LaRose, compareció a su cita con los funcionarios de la Junta Electoral. Lo esperaban con ansias de poder compartir con él sus ideas para hacer el proceso electoral más accesible y mucho más exitoso de lo que fue en las elecciones del 6 de noviembre de este año.

Esta fue la primera de varias visitas que el Senador LaRose estará realizando alrededor de las 88 jurisdicciones del estado de Ohio en preparación para ocupar su nuevo puesto. Como Secretario de Estado, sus poderes incluirán el control sobre muchos aspectos de administración electoral.

Las elecciones del 6 de noviembre, en las cuales resultó electo Secretario de Estado, culminaron con un histórico 52.9% de participación electoral. El veterano Senador felicitó a los funcionarios de la Junta Electoral de nuestro Condado por la fluidez con la que transcurrieron los procesos electorales, desde el voto por adelantado hasta la cita en las urnas. Conversó extensamente con cada uno de los gerentes de departamento acerca de iniciativas que mejorarían sustancialmente el acceso al voto por adelantado.

Algunas de las propuestas afectan positivamente a los electores de habla hispana. Se sugirió más claridad en los formularios para el registro de votantes. Se le solicitó además, que los materiales educativos que publica la Oficina del Secretario de Estado sean provistos en español. Actualmente sólo las juntas electorales de los Condados de Cuyahoga y Lorain proveen material electoral en español e inglés. El entrante Secretario de Estado coincidió con los funcionarios sobre la viabilidad de esta medida. Si es implementada es de esperarse que, un mayor conocimiento del proceso electoral, animará a la



comunidad Latina a participar en los procesos democráticos.

Recuerde que en la Junta Electoral del Condado de Cuyahoga hablamos tu idioma. Síguenos en Facebook: *CuyahogaBOE Hispano Vota*. En Twitter: *@CuyahogaBOESP*. En la web: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/es-US/home.aspx>.

Allí te mantendremos al corriente de toda la información electoral más importante, como fechas límites para actuar, lugar de votación y modelos de papeletas de votación.

Cuyahoga County Board of Elections receives Ohio Secretary of State-elect, Frank LaRose

By: Elia Burgos, Latino Community Outreach Coordinator, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

On the evening of December 6, 2018, it was snowing intensely at the *Cuyahoga County Board of Elections*, located in Cleveland, Ohio. Regardless of the inclement weather, Secretary of State-elect, Frank LaRose, attended his appointment with officials of the Board of Elections.

They were waiting for him anxiously to be able to share their ideas to make upcoming electoral processes accessible and much more successful than it in the November elections of this year.

This was the first of many visits Senator LaRose will be making around the State's 88 county jurisdictions as he prepares to take office. As Secretary of State, his powers will include control over many aspects of election administration.

The November 6, 2018 General Election culminated with a historic 52.9% voter

turnout. The veteran Senator offered his congratulations to the election officials for the fluidity with which the electoral processes ran, from the absentee voting to Election Day. He spoke extensively with each of the department managers about initiatives that would substantially improve access to vote prior to Election Day.

Some of the proposals positively affect Spanish-speaking voters. It was suggested that there should be more clarity in the forms that are used to register voters. He was asked to create state issued bilingual voter educational materials. Right now only the Cuyahoga County and the Lorain County Boards of Elections provides all voting materials in Spanish and English. The incoming Secretary of State agreed with the officials on the viability of these measures. If implemented, there is hope that a deeper understanding of the voting process will encourage the Latino community to participate in the democratic process.

Remember that at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, we speak your language. Follow us on Facebook: *CuyahogaBOE Hispano Vota*. Twitter: *@CuyahogaBOESP*. Our website: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/es-US/home.aspx>.

We will keep you up to date with all the most important electoral information, such as deadlines, voting locations, sample ballots, and more.

In the photo, from left to right, are: Sean Webster, Administration Manager; Frank LaRose; and Deputy Director Anthony W. Perlati. Photo courtesy of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

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Health law sign-ups lagging

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, Dec. 16, 2018 (AP): With just days left to enroll, fewer people were signing up for the *Affordable Care Act*, even though premiums were stable, more plans were available, and millions of uninsured people could still get financial help.

In short, the nation's uninsured rate could edge up again after a years' long coverage expansion that has seen about 20 million people obtain health insurance.

A status report Wednesday from the *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services* showed nearly 20 percent fewer new people signed up than at about the same time last year. *New sign-ups drive the growth of the HealthCare.gov marketplace, helping keep premiums in check.*

The sign-up deadline in most states was Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, for coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2019. A few states that run their own health care websites have later deadlines.

Trying to encourage enrollment, former President *Barack Obama* posted a whimsical video on social media on Dec. 10th encouraging young adults to sign up for his signature program. That same day, a crush of people tried to enroll in what was the highest traffic this open enrollment season.

Disappointing sign-ups will add to the long-running political blame game over health care. Democrats accuse the Trump administration of "sabotage" on the health law. Republicans counter that pricey Obama-law premiums are too high for solid middle-class people who don't qualify for taxpayer-financed subsidies.

The Trump administration said in a statement this week "our primary goal is to provide a seamless open enrollment experience for HealthCare.gov consumers and ensure that those who want coverage offered through the (program) can enroll in a plan." Health and Human Services Secretary *Alex Azar* also posted his own straightforward video pitch on Twitter.

The new numbers suggest there may be less demand for

government-subsidized insurance during a time of strong economic growth. But interviews with current and former officials, consumer organizations and independent experts also revealed several factors that appear to be cutting into enrollment:

• **Lack of a strategy** for expanding HealthCare.gov, the federal insurance marketplace.

The Trump administration didn't set sign-up targets for the health overhaul, according to a report this summer from the nonpartisan *Government Accountability Office*. Such targets are a standard management tool for government agencies. "Marketing does matter," said Peter Lee, executive director of *Covered California*, a state-run insurance marketplace. "Not doing active promotion millions of Americans are not going to find their way to HealthCare.gov."

The administration has been using targeted emails and social media messaging, but that's nowhere near the effort expended during the Obama years. Administration officials say they are focused on providing a smooth sign-up experience for consumers who want coverage.

• **No penalty for being uninsured.** The GOP-led Congress repealed the fine for being uninsured, effective this Jan. 1. The tax penalty was the most unpopular part of Obama's law. "The really big change taking effect for this open enrollment period is repeal of the individual mandate penalty, so that is very likely a major factor," said Larry Levitt of the nonpartisan *Kaiser Family Foundation*.

The administration also increased access to lower-cost plans that provide less coverage than the more comprehensive insurance offered under the overhaul.

Short-term health insurance plans don't have to offer basic benefits such as prescription drugs, and insurers can turn down people with medical conditions. But such plans may appeal to healthy people looking for a measure of financial protection against an unexpected illness.

• **Immigration fears.** Organizations working to enroll low-income workers report heightened concerns among immigrants that applying for health



insurance could have negative consequences due to the administration's crackdown on undocumented immigration. Only "legal" immigrants and citizens can get coverage through HealthCare.gov, but that hasn't calmed the fears.

"We've had a lot of green card holders coming in because they think they might be affected," said Kori Hattemer of *Foundation Communities*, a nonprofit organization in Austin, Texas, that helps enroll people for coverage. "Pretty much every day we have someone asking us about it."

Hattemer says their enrollment numbers are about 9 percent below the same time last year.

Last year about 11.8 million people signed up for subsidized private health insurance during the ACA's open enrollment period. Some 10 million are still enrolled. Current customers who don't want to make any changes will get coverage automatically renewed for 2019.

Separately, another 12 million low-income people are covered through the health law's *Medicaid* expansion.

A former Republican Senate health care staffer who launched Rhode Island's health marketplace said ongoing consumer education is needed to grow enrollment. *Christine Ferguson* said many healthy people don't realize the value of coverage until something bad happens to them.

But boosting sign-ups "was not a priority" for the Trump administration, said Ms. Ferguson, now a consultant. *Trump failed to outright repeal the ACA last year.*

The AP's *VoteCast* survey during this year's elections showed that 59 percent of voters want the government to ensure coverage for all Americans. But voters had mixed views of the ACA, with about half saying it should be repealed totally or in part. About a third said it should be expanded.

Health grant aims to benefit older minorities in Michigan

DETROIT, Dec. 12, 2018 (AP): Three Michigan universities are using a \$3.5 million federal grant renewal for efforts to improve the health of older blacks and other minorities.

The *National Institutes of Health* grant allows the *Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research* to expand its work through 2023. The center's research and

education is led by faculty and staff from *Wayne State University*, the *University of Michigan*, and *Michigan State University*.

Officials say black residents have higher rates of diabetes, stroke and other diseases than their white counterparts. Researchers seek to prevent health disparities.

The center has focused on *Detroit* since its 1997 launch, but the latest grant



brings aboard *Michigan State* and expands work into *Flint*. Goals include establishing a *Healthier Black Elders Center* in *Flint*, based on the one in *Detroit*.

Minority Business Centers at UT host Open House on December 20, 2018

The minority business community and members of the public are invited to an open house to learn about the services offered by the *Minority Business Assistance Center* and the *Minority Business Development Center* at the *University of Toledo*.

The annual event is scheduled from 3:00-5:00 p.m. *Thursday, December 20, 2018*, at the Center on the University of Toledo's *Scott Park Campus*, in the *Faculty Annex*, 2145 East Scott Park Drive, Toledo.

The *Minority Business Assistance Center* offers many free services to minority business startups or minority-owned businesses looking to expand. Services include business counseling; local, state and federal certification help; loan packaging assistance; and more. The center is supported by the state of Ohio through a grant from the Ohio Development Services Agency and by the University of Toledo.

The *Minority Business Development Center* offers



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mentoring, office space and a business incubator for minority-owned, early-stage businesses. Tours of the center will be offered at the open house.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 419-530-3344.

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| Germany | 1941 | South Korea | 1988 |
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Ohio State players: Urban Meyer is enthusiastic and loved until the very end

By MITCH STACY, AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Dec. 13, 2018 (AP)—Retiring Ohio State coach Urban Meyer isn't easing out of the job just yet, not as long as there's one more game to win.

Buckeyes players said this week that Meyer has been at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center for every practice and is fully engaged in preparations for the Rose Bowl. As usual, he's still sweating the small stuff. That kind of intensity made him one of the greatest college coaches of all time, but it also hastened his exit from the game. His 7-year win record at OSU is over 90%.

Meyer announced Dec. 5 he would step down after the Jan. 1 game and hand the keys to the program to offensive coordinator Ryan

Day. Debilitating headaches caused by a cyst in Meyer's brain worsened throughout the season, and he said he needs to step away from the high-stress job.

By all accounts, he hasn't taken his foot off the gas yet, even if he seems to be enjoying himself more than usual.

"Usually coach Meyer is really tough on us, but it brings the best out of us," running back Mike Weber said. "But lately it is good to just see him smile and joke around and everything is not always about football. You get to enjoy him kind of like a father figure, just enjoy having normal conversations and see a different side of him."

"Seeing a smile on his

face brings a smile to your face," receiver Johnnie Dixon said, "because you see nothing but joy and know he's at peace right now."

Despite emerging with a 12-1 record, a second-consecutive Big Ten championship, Rose Bowl berth and No. 6 ranking, this season was a rough one for the seventh-year Ohio State coach. It began with a three-game suspension. When he got back, he lost star defensive end Nick Bosa to a season-ending injury and the defense struggled, leading to a loss at Purdue on Oct. 20 that ultimately kept the Buckeyes out of the College Football Playoff.



Meyer seemed in pain at times on the sideline. During one game in early October, he dropped to a knee because of a severe headache and was treated by medical staff.

All of that, he acknowledged, contributed to his

decision to retire but remain in Columbus and stay connected in some capacity to Ohio State. He said he won't coach again. "I don't think that it has dampened any spirits," offensive tackle Isaiah Prince said. "I think it is a little emotional because coach Meyer has done a lot for us, especially me. I am forever grateful for him, but I think a lot of us have the attitude to just go out with a bang and send coach Meyer out the right way."

On Jan. 1, 2019, the Buckeyes face No. 9 Washington, the PAC 12 champion, in Pasadena.

"(He's) still driving, still pushing us," defensive tackle Robert Landers said. "You mess up, he's gonna tell you about it, so nothing has changed. I feel that's a part of what coach Meyer is. He's naturally a competitor. Stepping out is one of the hardest things he's had to do and while he's still here in the facility, he's not gonna change. It's in his nature. He couldn't help it

if he wanted to."

Players said the "win one for coach" talk is intensifying. "When one of your toughest soldiers is calling it quits, we need to go out with a bang," Dixon said. "It means a lot to us and a lot to him—all the work we've put in together. It's a good thing to leave him with something that would mean a lot to him, which is another win."

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As expected, junior defensive tackle Dre'Mont Jones said he's foregoing his senior year to enter the NFL draft. Several Ohio State players will decide whether to leave early for the draft, but they are waiting until after the Rose Bowl to make any announcement.

Quarterback Dwayne Haskins Jr. is among them. The Heisman Trophy finalist broke scores of single-season passing records in his first year as a starter. If he leaves, which he is expected to do, he's projected to be a first-round pick. Others include Weber, safety Jordan Fuller, linebacker Malik Harrison, and receiver K.J. Hill.

Ohio State Football Bowl History

Record: 24-25, Columbus OH

By The Associated Press



Dec. 29, 2017 Cotton Bowl - Ohio St. 24, Southern Cal 7
Dec. 31, 2016 Fiesta Bowl (CFC SF) - Clemson 31, Ohio St. 0
Jan. 1, 2016 Fiesta Bowl - Ohio St. 44, Notre Dame 28
Jan. 12, 2015 College Football Championship - Ohio St. 42, Oregon 20
Jan. 1, 2015 Sugar Bowl (CFC SF) - Ohio St. 42, Alabama 35
Jan. 3, 2014 Orange Bowl - Clemson 40, Ohio St. 35
Jan. 2, 2012 Gator Bowl - Florida 24, Ohio St. 17
Jan. 4, 2011 Sugar Bowl - Ohio St. 31, Arkansas 26
Jan. 1, 2010 Rose Bowl - Ohio St. 26, Oregon 17
Jan. 5, 2009 Fiesta Bowl - Texas 24, Ohio St. 21
Jan. 7, 2008 BCS National Championship - LSU 38, Ohio St. 24
Jan. 8, 2007 BCS National Championship - Florida 41, Ohio St. 14
Jan. 2, 2006 Fiesta Bowl - Ohio St. 34, Notre Dame 20
Dec. 29, 2004 Alamo Bowl - Ohio St. 33, Oklahoma St. 7
Jan. 2, 2004 Fiesta Bowl - Ohio St. 35, Kansas St. 28
Jan. 3, 2003 Fiesta Bowl - Ohio St. 31, Miami 24, 2OT
Jan. 1, 2002 Outback Bowl - South Carolina 31, Ohio St. 28
Jan. 1, 2001 Outback Bowl - South Carolina 24, Ohio St. 7
Jan. 1, 1999 Sugar Bowl - Ohio St. 24, Texas A&M 14
Jan. 1, 1998 Sugar Bowl - Florida St. 31, Ohio St. 14
Jan. 1, 1997 Rose Bowl - Ohio St. 20, Arizona St. 17
Jan. 1, 1996 Citrus Bowl - Tennessee 20, Ohio St. 14
Jan. 2, 1995 Citrus Bowl - Alabama 24, Ohio St. 17
Dec. 30, 1993 Holiday Bowl - Ohio St. 28, BYU 21
Jan. 1, 1993 Citrus Bowl - Georgia 21, Ohio St. 14
Jan. 1, 1992 Hall of Fame Bowl - Syracuse 24, Ohio St. 17
Jan. 1, 1990 Hall of Fame Bowl - Auburn 31, Ohio St. 14
Dec. 27, 1990 Liberty Bowl - Air Force 23, Ohio St. 11
Jan. 1, 1987 Cotton Bowl - Ohio St. 28, Texas A&M 12
Dec. 28, 1985 Citrus Bowl - Ohio St. 10, BYU 7
Jan. 1, 1985 Rose Bowl - Southern Cal 20, Ohio St. 17
Jan. 2, 1984 Fiesta Bowl - Ohio St. 28, Pittsburgh 23
Dec. 17, 1982 Holiday Bowl - Ohio St. 47, BYU 17
Dec. 30, 1981 Liberty Bowl - Ohio St. 31, Navy 28
Dec. 26, 1980 Fiesta Bowl - Penn St. 31, Ohio St. 19
Jan. 1, 1980 Rose Bowl - Southern Cal 17, Ohio St. 16
Dec. 29, 1978 Gator Bowl - Clemson 17, Ohio St. 15
Jan. 2, 1978 Sugar Bowl - Alabama 35, Ohio St. 6
Jan. 1, 1977 Orange Bowl - Ohio St. 27, Colorado 10
Jan. 1, 1976 Rose Bowl - UCLA 23, Ohio St. 17
Jan. 1, 1975 Rose Bowl - Southern Cal 18, Ohio St. 17
Jan. 1, 1974 Rose Bowl - Ohio St. 42, Southern Cal 21
Jan. 1, 1973 Rose Bowl - Southern Cal 42, Ohio St. 17
Jan. 1, 1971 Rose Bowl - Stanford 27, Ohio St. 17
Jan. 1, 1969 Rose Bowl - Ohio St. 27, Southern Cal 16
Jan. 1, 1958 Rose Bowl - Ohio St. 10, Oregon 7
Jan. 1, 1955 Rose Bowl - Ohio St. 20, Southern Cal 7
Jan. 2, 1950 Rose Bowl - Ohio St. 17, California 14
Jan. 1, 1921 Rose Bowl - California 28, Ohio St. 0

Michigan Football Bowl History

Record: 21-25, Ann Arbor MI

By The Associated Press



Jan. 1, 2018 Outback Bowl - South Carolina 26, Michigan 19
Dec. 30, 2016 Orange Bowl - Florida St. 33, Michigan 32
Jan. 1, 2016 Citrus Bowl - Michigan 41, Florida 7
Dec. 28, 2013 Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl - Kansas St. 31, Michigan 14
Jan. 1, 2013 Outback Bowl - South Carolina 33, Michigan 28
Jan. 3, 2012 Sugar Bowl - Michigan 23, Virginia Tech 20, OT
Jan. 1, 2011 Gator Bowl - Mississippi St. 52, Michigan 14
Jan. 1, 2008 Capital One Bowl - Michigan 41, Florida 35
Jan. 1, 2007 Rose Bowl - Southern Cal 32, Michigan 18
Dec. 28, 2005 Alamo Bowl - Nebraska 32, Michigan 28
Jan. 1, 2005 Rose Bowl - Texas 38, Michigan 37
Jan. 1, 2004 Rose Bowl - Southern Cal 28, Michigan 14
Jan. 1, 2003 Outback Bowl - Michigan 38, Florida 30
Jan. 1, 2002 Citrus Bowl - Tennessee 45, Michigan 17
Jan. 1, 2001 Citrus Bowl - Michigan 31, Auburn 28
Jan. 1, 2000 Orange Bowl - Michigan 35, Alabama 34, OT
Jan. 1, 1999 Citrus Bowl - Michigan 45, Arkansas 31
Jan. 1, 1998 Rose Bowl - Michigan 21, Washington St. 16
Jan. 1, 1997 Outback Bowl - Alabama 17, Michigan 14
Dec. 28, 1995 Alamo Bowl - Texas A&M 22, Michigan 20
Dec. 30, 1994 Holiday Bowl - Michigan 24, Colorado St. 14
Jan. 1, 1994 Hall of Fame Bowl - Michigan 42, N.C. State 7
Jan. 1, 1993 Rose Bowl - Michigan 38, Washington 31
Jan. 1, 1992 Rose Bowl - Washington St. 14, Michigan 14
Jan. 1, 1991 Gator Bowl - Michigan 35, Mississippi 3
Jan. 1, 1990 Rose Bowl - Southern Cal 17, Michigan 10
Jan. 2, 1989 Rose Bowl - Michigan 22, Southern Cal 14
Jan. 2, 1988 Hall of Fame Bowl - Michigan 28, Alabama 24
Jan. 1, 1987 Rose Bowl - Arizona St. 22, Michigan 15
Jan. 1, 1986 Fiesta Bowl - Michigan 27, Nebraska 23
Dec. 21, 1984 Holiday Bowl - BYU 24, Michigan 17
Jan. 2, 1984 Sugar Bowl - Auburn 9, Michigan 7
Jan. 1, 1983 Rose Bowl - UCLA 24, Michigan 14
Dec. 31, 1981 Bluebonnet Bowl - Michigan 33, UCLA 14
Jan. 1, 1981 Rose Bowl - Michigan 23, Washington 6
Dec. 28, 1979 Gator Bowl - North Carolina 17, Michigan 15
Jan. 1, 1979 Rose Bowl - Southern Cal 17, Michigan 10
Jan. 1, 1978 Rose Bowl - Washington 27, Michigan 20
Jan. 1, 1977 Rose Bowl - Southern Cal 14, Michigan 6
Jan. 1, 1976 Orange Bowl - Oklahoma 14, Michigan 6
Jan. 1, 1972 Rose Bowl - Stanford 13, Michigan 12
Jan. 1, 1970 Rose Bowl - Southern Cal 10, Michigan 3
Jan. 1, 1965 Rose Bowl - Michigan 34, Oregon St. 7
Jan. 1, 1951 Rose Bowl - Michigan 14, California 6
Jan. 1, 1948 Rose Bowl - Michigan 49, Southern Cal 0
Jan. 1, 1902 Rose Bowl - Michigan 49, Stanford 0

Michigan State Football Bowl History

Record: 12-15, E. Lansing MI

By The Associated Press



Dec. 28, 2017 Holiday Bowl - Michigan St. 42, Washington St. 17
Dec. 31, 2015 Cotton Bowl (CFC SF) - Alabama 38, Michigan St. 0
Jan. 1, 2015 Cotton Bowl - Michigan St. 42, Baylor 41
Jan. 1, 2014 Rose Bowl - Michigan St. 24, Stanford 20
Dec. 29, 2012 Insight Bowl - Michigan St. 17, TCU 16
Jan. 2, 2012 Outback Bowl - Michigan St. 33, Georgia 30, 3OT
Jan. 1, 2011 Capital One Bowl - Alabama 49, Michigan St. 7
Jan. 2, 2010 Alamo Bowl - Texas Tech 41, Michigan St. 31
Jan. 1, 2009 Capital One Bowl - Georgia 24, Michigan St. 12
Dec. 28, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl - Boston College 24, Michigan St. 21
Dec. 29, 2003 Alamo Bowl - Nebraska 17, Michigan St. 3
Dec. 31, 2001 Silicon Valley Classic - Michigan St. 44, Fresno St. 35
Jan. 1, 2000 Citrus Bowl - Michigan St. 37, Florida 34
Dec. 25, 1997 Aloha Bowl - Washington St. 51, Michigan St. 23
Dec. 31, 1996 Sun Bowl - Stanford 38, Michigan St. 0
Dec. 29, 1995 Independence Bowl - LSU 45, Michigan St. 26
Dec. 28, 1993 Liberty Bowl - Louisville 18, Michigan St. 7
Dec. 31, 1990 John Hancock Bowl - Michigan St. 17, Southern Cal 6
Dec. 25, 1989 Aloha Bowl - Michigan St. 33, Hawaii 13
Jan. 1, 1989 Gator Bowl - Georgia 34, Michigan St. 27
Jan. 1, 1988 Rose Bowl - Michigan St. 20, Southern Cal 17
Dec. 31, 1985 All American Bowl - Georgia Tech 17, Michigan St. 14
Dec. 22, 1984 Cherry Bowl - Army 10, Michigan St. 6
Jan. 1, 1966 Rose Bowl - UCLA 14, Michigan St. 12
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Jan. 1, 1954 Rose Bowl - Michigan St. 28, UCLA 20
Jan. 1, 1938 Orange Bowl - Auburn 6, Michigan St. 0

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Created by MSU students and staff, the annual *Dia de la Mujer Conference* highlights the struggles of Latin Women (Latinas) in Michigan and focuses on developing solutions to address their issues. 2018 marked the 25th Annual Conference, making MSU the leading institution in the nation to provide a venue for Latinas to discuss issues and develop solutions.

Since its inception, the conference has grown into a multi-faceted series of workshops focusing on education, health, legal, STEM, finance & business, inter-personal relationships and self-empowerment.

The theme for 2019 is: "*She Exists Because She Resists.*" This conference is an excellent opportunity for all, especially for the intercultural development of our students at Michigan State University. Cultural understanding is an expectation of all Michigan State University students and DDLM provides an excellent out of the classroom learning experience. Your financial contribution will enable us to maintain our free registration for students and offer a professional conference experience and learning opportunity to all who attend.

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